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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CSCE, SHUM, PINT, RO SUBJECT: ROMANIAN DISSENT

- 1. THE EPISODE INVOLVING ROMANIAN WRITER MUNTEANU AND RFE DESCRIBED HEREIN SEEMS TO BE INTERESTING FURTHER ILLUSTRATION OF CHANGE IN GOR'S APPROACH TO DISSIDENTS.
- 2. THIS PAST WEEKEND RFE ROMANIAN BD DIRECTOR BERNARD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM ROMANIAN WOMAN WHO SAID SHE WAS FIANCEE OF MUNTEANU, RELATIVELY UNDISTINGUISHED ROMANIAN WRITER WHO HAS BEEN SUPPORTER OF GOMA. WOMAN ASSUMED (N.B. CORRECTLY) THAT RFE HAD RECEIVED VIA A THIRD PARTY A COPY OF MUNTEANU LETTER TO CEAUSESCU OUTLINING, REPORTEDLY IN DIGNIFIED MANNER, REASONS WHY HE NO RPT NO LONGER ABLE TO SUPPORT HIM.
- 3. BERNARD, WHO HAPPENED TO BE GOING TO PARIS NEXT DAY, MET MUNTEANU'S FIANCEE THERE. SHE TOLD BERNARD MUNTEANU HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND ROUGHED UP. AS RESULT, MUNTEANU WANTED RFE TO BROADCAST HIS LETTER BECAUSE HE FELT ONLY THIS COULD CONFIDENTIAL

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SAVE HIM.

4. ON APRIL 19, RFE ROMANIAN BD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM BUCHAREST FROM MAN PURPORTING TO BE MUNTEANU REQUESTING THAT RFE NOT RPT NOT BROADCAST THE LETTER. AS RESULT, RFE DROPPED ITS PLANS TO DO SO. LATER IN DAY RFE RECEIVED TELEX, WHICH WAS CORRECTLY ADDRESSED TO RFE TELEX NUMBER, WHICH PURPORTED

TO BE FROM MUNTEANU. TELEX INDICATED THAT MUNTEANU HAD THOUGHT LETTER OVER, REALIZED HE WAS BEING "SUBJECTIVE", AND DID NOT RPT NOT WANT RFE TO BROADCAST IT.

5. GIVEN CHANGED SITUATION IN ROMANIA, RFE MANAGEMENT HAS DECIDED RFE WILL NO RPT NO LONGER BROADCAST SIGNED LETTERS SUCH AS MUNTEANU'S.BETTS

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